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Varina District meetings to detail progress on Varina Area Library

Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson will hold three Community Conversations meetings in May to provide updates on the Varina Area Library as well as to discuss Henrico County's newly adopted budget for fiscal 2016-17, the Virginia Capital Trail and other topics.

The meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5 at Varina High School, 7053 Messer Road; 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 16 at the Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nine Mile Road; and 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 16, at Elko Middle School, 5901 Elko Road.

The Varina Area Library is under construction on a site southwest of New Market Road and Pocahontas Parkway. An opening ceremony is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 1.

For information, call (804) 501-4208.

April 21, 2016

CONTACT: Michael Harris, Prevention Specialist, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services
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Henrico to present youth poetry 'slam' May 5, Entries on bullying, substance use, suicide prevention needed by May 1

The Youth Ambassadors of Henrico County and the Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services' Prevention Services will present a Hip-Hop Poetry Theme Slam on Thursday, May 5 to promote health, wellness and self-expression among youth.

The themes for the event are bullying, substance use and suicide prevention. Entries must be submitted by Sunday, May 1 to Prevention Specialist Michael Harris at har42@henrico.us. They will be reviewed for language and content and should show "Hip-Hop Poetry Slam" in the email subject line.

Each participant must be a resident of Henrico, Charles City or New Kent counties. Entries will be judged, with prizes awarded to the top three presenters ages 14 to 18. Adult presenters also may participate, although they will be ineligible for prizes.

The Poetry Theme Slam will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. May 5 at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

The Henrico Too Smart 2 Start Coalition also is a co-sponsor of the event. For information, call (804) 727-8035 or go to toosmart2start.com.

April 21, 2016

CONTACT: Linda Leigh, Executive Assistant, Henrico County Board of Supervisors
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Fairfield meeting May 5 to focus on public health, community engagement

Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton will hold a constituent meeting Thursday, May 5 to discuss public-health concerns for Henrico County and opportunities for community engagement.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Azalea Room at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Ave. Guests may arrive as early as 6 p.m. to explore the grounds at no cost.

Thornton will be joined by Dr. Susan Fischer Davis, director of the Henrico Health District; Terri Tatum, of the Lakeside Business Association; and Joseph P. Rapisarda Jr., county attorney for Henrico. A question-and-answer period will follow.

For information, call (804) 501-4208.

April 18, 2016

CONTACT: Justin House, Chairman, Henrico Too Smart 2 Start Coalition
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It Takes a Village forum April 28 to promote health, wellness among Henrico youth

The Henrico Too Smart 2 Start Coalition and Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services' Prevention Services will hold the fourth-annual It Takes a Village Community Forum on Thursday, April 28 to promote good health and wellness among youth in Henrico County.

The forum will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Strawberry Hill Ballroom of the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave. The event is free, open to the public and intended for youth, parents, professionals and others interested in making a positive impact on local youth.

The Henrico Too Smart 2 Start Coalition also will recognize an outstanding youth and a community champion for their dedication and support to the organization. The Henrico Too Smart 2 Start Coalition promotes health and wellness in Henrico and focuses on reducing substance abuse by youth.

To register for the forum, contact Kathy Johnson at kjohnson@henrico.k12.va.us or go to toosmart2start.com by Friday, April 22.

April 15, 2016

CONTACT: Karen F. Carter, Horticulture Extension Agent, Henrico County office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension
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Henrico Extension accepting applications for SMART Lawns program

The Henrico County office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension has opened enrollment in its SMART Lawns program, which provides residents with customized plans for growing attractive, healthy lawns.

For a \$20 fee, Master Gardener volunteers will visit a home, analyze the lawn and prepare a plan for improving its condition, appearance and health. Participants will receive recommendations for fertilizer and lime, as well as suggestions for environmentally friendly weed control, mowing and watering practices.

The program follows the concepts of SMART — Soil test, Measure, Aerate, Right fertilizer and Trouble-free maintenance. Residents are encouraged to enroll now so plans can be in place for the fall, which is the most critical period for lawn care in the area. Registrations will be accepted through Monday, Aug. 15. To sign up, go to henrico.us/extension or call (804) 501-5160.

April 14, 2016

CONTACT: Kimberly Edmonds, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, Henrico County office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension
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Henrico Extension to offer April 26 workshop on managing finances

The Henrico County office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension will offer a free workshop Tuesday, April 26 to help residents manage their money and make sound financial decisions.

The Tools for Today's Economy workshop will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the demonstration kitchen of the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive. To register, call (804) 501-5160 by Friday, April 22.

The class is being offered in recognition of April as National Financial Capability Month and April 23-30 as Smart Money Week. Participants will learn about electronic transactions and other tools to help improve their financial health.

For information, go to henrico.us/extension.

April 11, 2016

CONTACT: Linda Leigh, Executive Assistant, Henrico County Board of Supervisors
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Tuckahoe meeting April 25 to feature Henrico's senior advocate

Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will hold a Tuckahoe Town Meeting on Monday, April 25 to introduce Henrico County's new senior advocate and to discuss programs geared for older residents.

O'Bannon will be joined by Advocate for the Aging Jelisa Turner, who will highlight services and opportunities to help seniors remain active and engaged in the community. A representative of Henrico County Public Library will explain its programs. A question-and-answer session will follow.

The meeting will include sessions at 1 and 7 p.m. at the Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive.

For more information, call (804) 501-4208 or go to patobannon.com.

April 6, 2016

CONTACT: Barry R. Lawrence, Clerk, Henrico County Board of Supervisors
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Henrico supervisors to hold April 12 public hearing on proposed fiscal 2016-17 budget

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing Tuesday, April 12 on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-17.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., one hour earlier than usual, in the Board Room of the Henrico Government Center's Administration Building, 4301 E. Parham Road.

Residents may provide oral or written comments on the \$1.2 billion plan, which would guide operating and capital spending for the year beginning July 1. The general fund, which supports the operations of Henrico's general government, including the Police and Fire divisions, and Henrico County Public Schools, would total \$810.9 million. That would represent an increase of \$25.1 million, or 3 percent, over the current year's plan.

The proposed budget recommends no change to the real estate tax rate of 87 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Residents are encouraged to register in advance to speak at the public hearing. To sign up, call Board of Supervisors Clerk Barry R. Lawrence at (804) 501-4318. For information on the proposed budget, call Director of Finance Gene Walter at (804) 501-4266 or Budget Director W. Brandon Hinton at (804) 501-5089.

Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection at Henrico libraries, the Office of Management and Budget in the Henrico Government Center and at henrico.us.

The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to vote April 26 to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2016-17. The board typically meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Board Room of the Henrico Government Center.

April 5, 2016

CONTACT: John A. Vithoukas, Henrico County Manager
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Cardounel named Henrico police chief

Henrico County Manager John A. Vithoukas announces the appointment of Henrico Police Maj. Humberto "Hum" Cardounel Jr. as police chief, effective April 15.

Cardounel joined the Henrico Police Division as a patrol officer and a SWAT Team medic in 1988. He currently serves as deputy chief for the Investigative Bureau and a member of the chief's executive staff.



He has risen through the agency's ranks from officer and investigator to sergeant, command sergeant, lieutenant, captain and major, a position assigned in 2015. He also has served as deputy chief for the Patrol Bureau, led the Criminal Investigations Section, developed and implemented the Homeland

Security Section, and provided leadership and service to the Training Academy, Internal Affairs Unit, Media Relations Unit, Organized Crime Section and Personnel Unit.

A graduate of Douglas S. Freeman High School, Cardounel holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Richmond and a master's degree in public administration from Virginia Commonwealth University.

As police chief, Cardounel will oversee an agency responsible for providing law enforcement for Henrico's more than 325,000 residents and a community covering 244 square miles. The Police Division has 624 sworn police officers and a budget of \$69.2 million for fiscal 2015-16. Cardounel will be sworn in during a ceremony April 15. He will become the 16th individual to serve as Henrico police chief since 1915.

April 4, 2016

CONTACT: Linda Leigh, Executive Assistant, Henrico County Board of Supervisors
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Fairfield meeting April 11 to celebrate new Police station, chief's service

Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton will hold a constituent meeting Monday, April 11 to dedicate the Henrico County Police Division's Villa Park Station and to celebrate the service of Police Chief Douglas A. Middleton.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Villa Park Station, 7850 Villa Park Drive.

The Villa Park Station opened in July to provide a permanent base of operations for the division's coverage of central Henrico. Middleton joined the agency as a police officer in 1972 and became chief in 2011. He is stepping down from the post to serve exclusively as Henrico's deputy county manager for public safety.

Thornton also will be joined by a representative of the Henrico Police Athletic League, who will provide an update on the organization's activities.

For information, call (804) 501-4208.